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Blair facing rebels' wrath

Appeal for loyalty as manifesto starts to take shape

Rebecca Smithers
Political Correspondent

TONY BLAIR, facing one of the most serious tests of his Labour leadership, will this week appeal to his growing band of backbench critics to unite behind the party's policy launch-pad for general election victory.

In the face of fresh warnings not to press ahead with further centralisation of power, the party will today set out plans to take 100,000 patients off NHS waiting lists under a policy blueprint designed to "cut the waste and the waiting".

It is one of five key policy areas to be outlined this week in a 10,000 word comprehensive statement of New Labour's programme — The Road to the Manifesto.

But a separate proposal under consideration is bound to give ammunition to those who argue Mr Blair has too tight a grip on the party: the suggestion that all candidates should come from a centrally approved panel and MPs should be subjected to a loyalty test.

The timing of this is embarrassing for Mr Blair, after a week when he has faced serious questions over his handling of the devolution. John Major will try to take advantage of his difficulties and steal his thunder with an aggressive new Tory campaign warning of "New Labour, New Danger".

The prospect of tighter discipline control emerged in a paper on the party's general secretary, Tom Sawyer. It is being circulated among senior party members.

Mr Sawyer suggested that the national executive com-

mittee — which will debate and fine-tune The Road paper tomorrow — should be more supportive of the party leadership at Westminster, a trend which Mr Blair is already working on.

More controversy is certain to be caused by the suggestion that all candidates should come from a centrally approved panel and that sitting MPs should be subjected to some sort of review to assess their competence and loyalty.

Senior Labour sources said that it was just an idea which was at an early stage and would not apply to the next parliament. But one MP who has been criticised by loyalists as a potential dissident, the veteran ex-minister and anti-European Dennis Davis, said last night: "There is great concern at the moment among constituency parties that they are losing any influence they have had. The leadership would be unwise to press ahead with this."

Mr Blair's attempts to persuade his divided party to back a referendum on Scottish devolution attracted fresh criticism from another side of the party yesterday.

Tam Dalyell, MP for Linlithgow, condemned Mr Blair's plans to conduct a referendum on a devolution white paper as "reactionary". A plebiscite would "prove nothing" and risked subverting parliamentary democracy. He said he would resume his bitter 20-year-old campaign against Labour's plans.

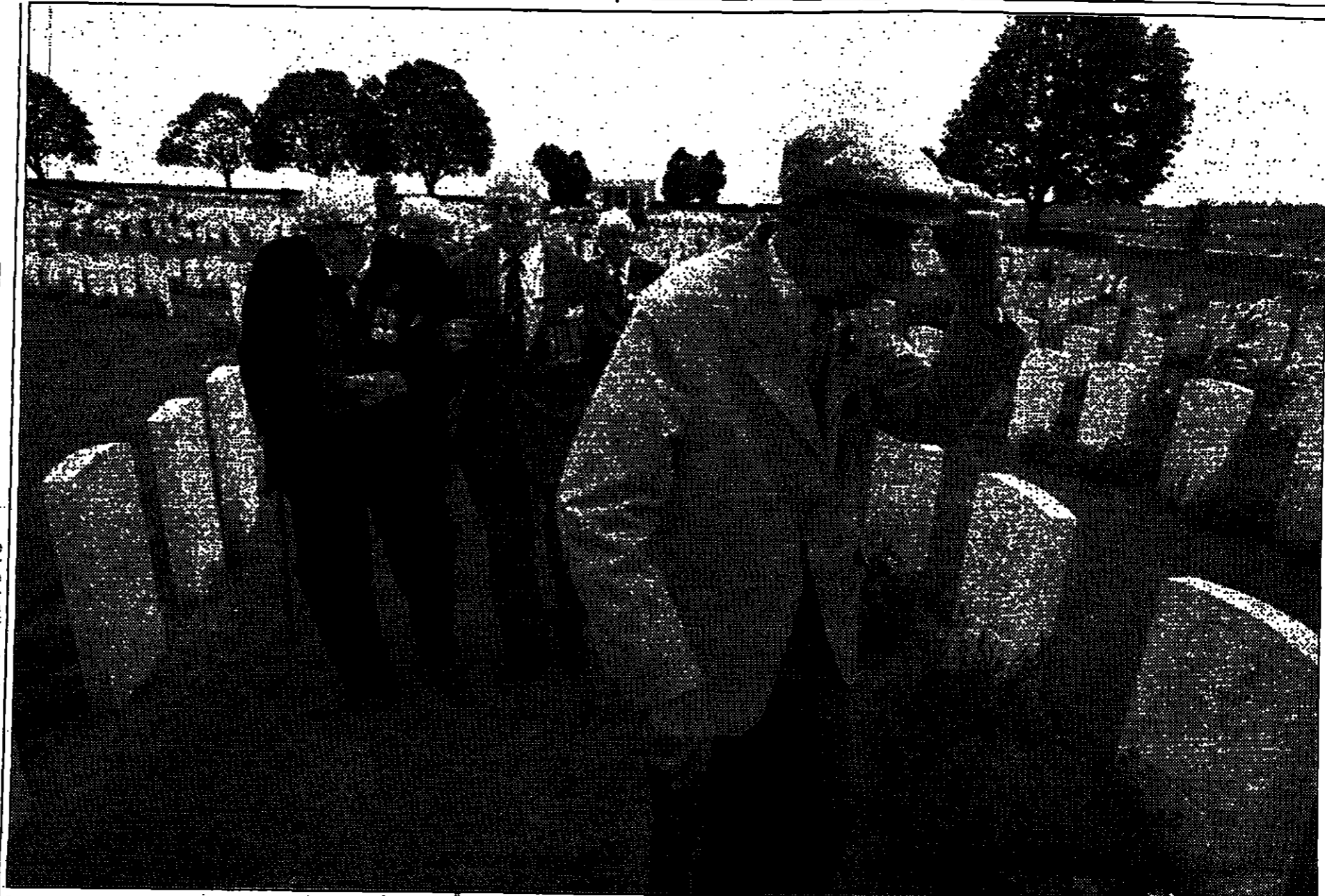
Today's health document will spell out how a Labour government would switch money from wasteful bureaucracy to front-line patient care.

Amid continued criticism for failing to commit itself to more cash for the NHS, Labour will show that the first step towards slashing the annual £1.5 billion "red tape" bill will realise £100 million from NHS funds, which will pay for 100,000 operations, or take 100,000 people off the waiting lists.

Labour will set a tough new ceiling on management costs in every hospital and health authority to achieve the cuts. Areas that have been targeted for removal are the annual contracting round, which generates hundreds of thousands of invoices and which costs an average hospital £57,000 each year.

The Road to the Manifesto will be accompanied by a marketing programme, backed with roadshows and party meetings to sell the programme to the party's 370,000 members. They will be asked to endorse it in a ballot in October, after the annual party conference.

Yesterday, shadow social security secretary Chris Smith said the document would make it clear that Labour will follow the "golden rule of public spending" — that revenue must cover consumption. Labour ministers will be required to show where they can save before they spend.



Friends remembered... Samuel Hilton, 97, of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, with other veterans at Cabaret Rouge cemetery, near Arras, yesterday. PHOTOGRAPH: SEAN SMITH

'We were too young to ask any questions'

Today is the 80th anniversary of the first shots of the Battle of the Somme. Alex Duval Smith in Arras meets old soldiers whose memories remain vivid

FOR the first time Michael Lally, aged 101, saw his brother's grave yesterday. It was just a white headstone, like hundreds around it, and it was inscribed "J. Lally, aged 32". But it could just as easily have borne his own name.

Michael Lally cried. With 10 other men who saw the worst of the trenches but bear the fewest of the medals, Mr Lally will today mark the 80th anniversary of the start of the Battle of the Somme.

On July 1, 1916, Michael and James Lally and thousands of others were ordered to walk out of the trenches into the German line of fire.

That day, in one of the worst instances of British military tactics ever, up to 20,000 British and Commonwealth troops died for territorial gains which could sometimes be measured in yards. Nevertheless, as he left the Cabaret Rouge cemetery yesterday,

all Mr Lally could think to say was: "Seeing that grave was worth all the millions in England. My mother knew where the grave was, but she died in 1939 and no one in the family has seen it since."

For Mr Lally and those who travelled with him yesterday — four of them more than 100 years old — the neat cemeteries of the Somme valley evoke memories of blood and mud. These men do not speak of their "finest hour" nor of the "Great War" but tend towards the view that they were lions led by donkeys.

Samuel Hilton is proud that his regiment was called the Loyal North Lancashire. But he does not hesitate to damn the officers who sent him walking there was an order not to run — towards German machine guns. "These men were cavalry officers left over from India. They were not much good at infantry warfare."

Mr Lally is proud of his medals but puzzled that after his original set was stolen in a burglary he wasn't allowed replicas. Now he wears a Victory Medal inscribed with a stranger's name — another soldier's decoration, posted as a replacement.

But if Mr Lally and the others travelling with the World War One Veterans' Association are not sentimental, they are not bitter either. They continue to feel loyalty for those who died, sometimes in mid-conversation, a foot or two away from them.

Donald Hodge, the 101-year-old president of the association, comes back regularly to the Somme battlefields on a dutiful pilgrimage. "I do it for them, for all my friends. It is an obligation; they are here instead of me." He volunteered in 1916 and served in the 7th Battalion of the Queen's Own West Kents.

Tom Brennan, aged 99, is the last surviving Liverpool pal recruited under

the policy of pals' battalions — men from the same towns and villages serving in the same units. "It was terrible to survive," he said. Mr Brennan, who alongside his Victory Medal wears an Imperial Service Medal for 50 years' exemplary service to the Post Office, talks of his two wars between 1914 and 1918. "The first war ended at Christmas 1916 when I got trench foot. The first was the worst. There were no gas masks and anyone who got shellshock was charged with desertion in the face of the enemy and executed. Haig signed every one of those orders."

"I could have got out of the second war but after a very pleasant convalescence at Lady Astor's, I was sent to Winchester where a certain Lieutenant Barrett was under orders to make our lives so miserable that we would want to return to the front. So I did."

For many, like 97-year-old Mr Hilton, joining up was "just something you did because you were too young to ask any questions". The same went for going over the top. "You just did it and learned to look straight ahead, not

either side, in case someone you knew had been hit."

Robbie Burns, aged 100, said: "It is impossible to say what that kind of existence does to you. It is better not to ask."

Steve Goodwin, one of half a dozen volunteers — all of them under 40 — accompanying the group, said: "As a nation we are fascinated by the fixtures and fittings of war, but we

do not care about the people who are actually there. It is fine turning up for one hour on November 11, but it is not enough."

Downing Street and the Ministry of Defence last night rejected as unjust criticisms by Margaret Thatcher and Tory MPs that they would not be represented at the ceremony. Both insisted that invitations were never received.

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Germany's golden goal seals European championship win

John Dunne
Sports Correspondent

AFTER 31 matches, 61 goals, 3,035 minutes of football and one missed Gareth Southgate penalty, England's Euro 96 tears were made to taste even more bitter as Germany overcame the underdog Czech Republic 2-1 in extra time in the tournament final yesterday. It could have been us as an inevitable thought.

The Germans had waited long enough for revenge. Czechoslovakia, as it was

then, beat West Germany in the 1976 final, the first time penalties were used to settle an international competition. Vengeance was sweeter as Oliver Bierhoff's 95th minute strike was the first time the so-called golden goal, when play immediately stops, had settled a contest.

In their second successive Euro final, the Germans did what they were unable to do in 1982 and overcame an unfancied underdog to lift the Henri Delaunay trophy. At least no one had to face the torture of penalties.

It all looked very different when the long-haired Karel Poborski, for whom Liverpool are prepared to pay £3 million, charged through the German defence in the 88th minute and was upended by Matthias Sammer for a penalty.

Patrik Berger hit it hard, low and straight, but it sneaked under the diving goalkeeper's body.

The Germans came back just when they looked like falling apart, Bierhoff equalising with a header three minutes after coming on as a substitute.

The English were very

much on the side of the Czechs, vocally bolstering the tiny pocket of 5,000 eastern Europeans by their limitless desire to see Germany lose to someone, anyone, at anything.

A happy tournament ended on a trouble-free note. Police were delighted by an orderly crowd and a remarkably low record of eight pre-match arrests. Small gangs of English hooligans tried to scour central London for trouble, according to intelligence officers, but found the police ready in force.

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Last time with feeling for the hall from hell

There were few dry eyes as the Hallé Orchestra gave its final performance yesterday at Manchester's Free Trade Hall - its home for the last 138 years.

Monday sketch



David Ward

WITH three overtures the Hallé Orchestra yesterday gave a goodbye concert to the Free Trade Hall, a Victorian version of a Florentine palace which has been its Manchester home for 138 years, and perhaps the only concert hall in the world to have been named after a political and economic philosophy.

The overtures may have been just a sentimental piece of concert planning — the last of the three, from Wagner's *Meistersingers*, has been in the orchestra's repertoire since 1976 when the Manchester Guardian said its dissonance was unbearable.

Or they may have been a symbolic recognition of a new beginning — the band plays its first concert in the £42 million Bridgewater Hall round

the corner on September 11. The old hall, in which Christabel Pankhurst is alleged to have lost her skirt the night the suffragettes first unfurled their votes for women banner, will become a hotel.

Tom Atkinson, a Hallé regular all his life, sucked his inter-val Cornetto and admitted he was crying even as the conductor, Kent Nagano, launched the orchestra and its choir into *God Save The Queen* (all three verses, including the bit about knavish tricks and confounding their politics).

"I couldn't help it. Perhaps it's because I'm old. I first came here 60 years ago with my school and that got me hooked. I've been coming every year except during the war."

Standing with him, Win Pitt said the Free Trade Hall was part of the heart of Manchester. "This is a very highly charged emotional experience for me. I've been coming for years and I always feel at home here — in spite of the long queues for the ladies. There is always a special atmosphere here, a sense that people really enjoy coming."

At the end of a programme remembering favourite Hallé conductors and composers — Elgar, Delius, Sibelius, Shostakovich — members of the audience responded to orchestra, choir and the dashing Mr Nagano (whose immaculate shoulder-length hair swings in harmony with his baton) by staggering ragedly to their feet in a shambling kind of standing ovation. Most of them had white hair, sensible shoes and long memories. For younger patrons, the move to the Bridgewater probably cannot come quickly enough. The old hall, rebuilt in 1951 behind the original 1856 Renaissance facade after an efficient bombing raid in 1940, is drab, unwelcoming and uncomfortable.

Poorer concert-goers were rewarded with lousy sight-lines and seats (miserable municipal brown) without arms.



Orchestra members tune up in the cramped dressing rooms at the Free Trade Hall

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The Free Trade hall closes for good on July 19 with a meeting at which the Dalai Lama will talk on Compassion — The Basis For Human Happiness. As well as music, its walls have always echoed to the sound of speechifying and argument.

The first hall was a wooden building erected on the site of the Peterloo Massacre in 11 days in 1840 and was the headquarters of the campaign to repeal Parliament's protectionist Corn Laws (repealed in 1846) and promote free trade.

The first permanent hall opened in 1843, and was replaced by a grander structure in 1856.

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A Hall For All Seasons, a history of the Free Trade Hall, by Terry Wicks, has just been published by the Charles Hallé Foundation, price £9.95.

"Frankly I'm glad they are getting something better. It wasn't the best place to play in. The wind players were too close to the strings and the times were too high. The predominant sound was wind and brass. No matter how hard the strings played, they couldn't match them in volume of sound."

But some of the Hallé's older players had predicted that they would be looking at their crotches through tears. "It's a nostalgic day," admitted Peter Worrell, with 34 years service in the second violins. "The Hallé has always been very close to its audience — Sir John Barbirolli described it as a great orchestra and a great public walking hand in hand. Now we are going into something new but I hope we will retain our traditions."

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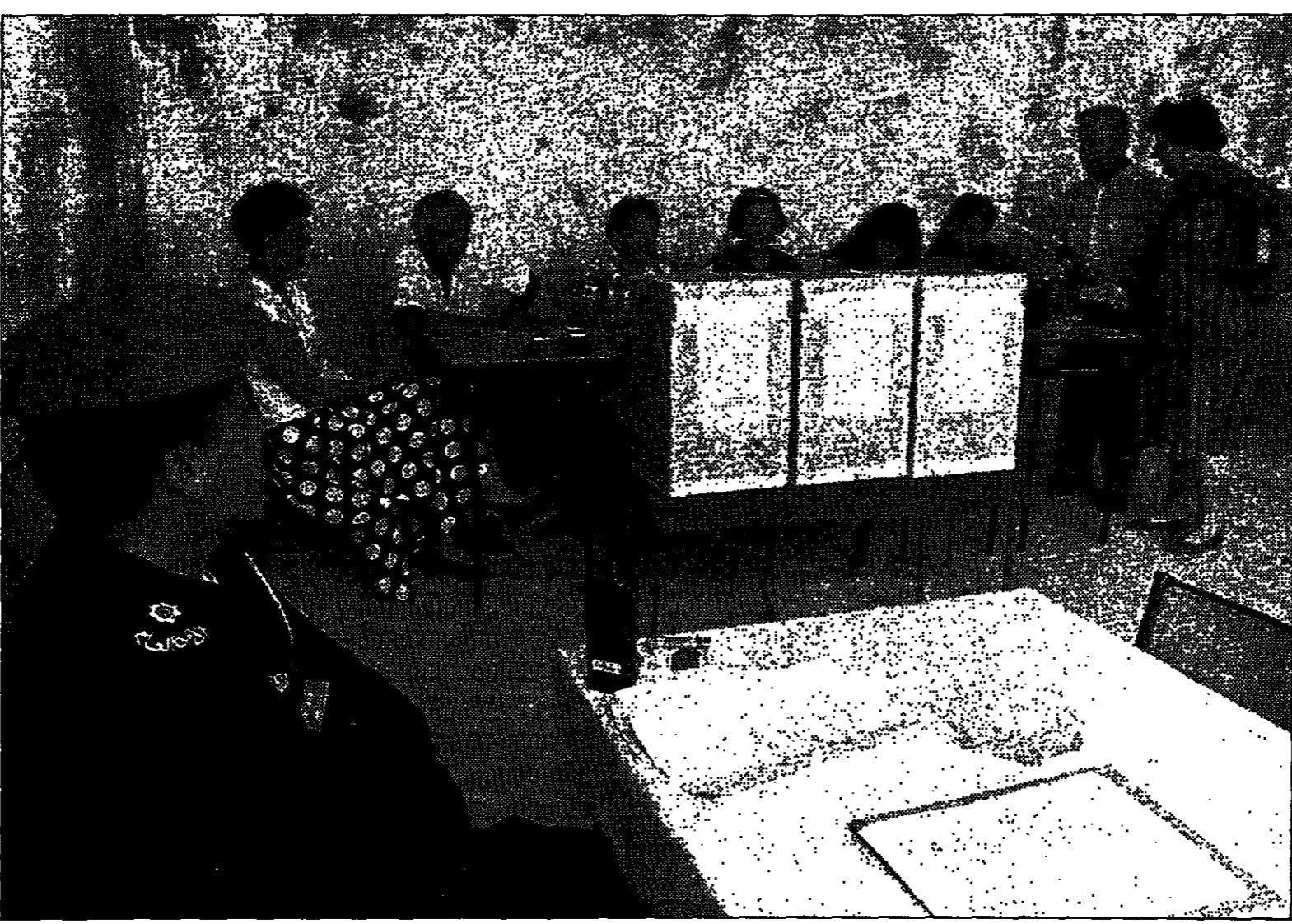
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— Biljana Plavsica, a Karadzic loyalist and hardliner



Citizens of the ethnically-divided Bosnian city of Mostar vote yesterday under the eye of a UN policeman

Karadzic 'resignation' fails to impress

Julian Borger in Sarajevo

THE Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic, has formally handed over his job to a deputy. It was announced yesterday. But there was no sign that he had given up real power, and diplomats feared that his "resignation" was a ploy to fend off sanctions.

The international community's high representative in Bosnia, Carl Bildt, risked his credibility by appearing to take Mr Karadzic at his word and suspending the threat of an embargo on the Bosnian Serbs.

"As of today, Mr Karadzic

cannot exercise any public functions or public powers as president of Republika Srpska [the Serb-held half of Bosnia]," Mr Bildt said in a statement yesterday.

A spokesman said Mr Bildt would renew the threat of sanctions and "keep sharp" the other weapons at his disposal "if it became clear this week that Mr Karadzic was still wielding power."

The Bosnian Serb leader announced he was handing power to Biljana Plavsica, known as a Karadzic loyalist and a hardliner, in a letter to Mr Bildt. But its value was immediately called into question by Mrs Plavsica.

"The Republika Srpska president is still Dr Radovan Karadzic and I am the vice-president. [His] replacement is envisaged only in free elections and in no other way," she told reporters yesterday.

In the letter, Mr Karadzic referred only to his "temporary inability" to fulfil his functions. He remains head of the Serb Democratic Party (SDS), which dominates Bosnian Serb politics.

Most of the group of seven industrial powers reacted cautiously. A White House spokesman, David Johnson, told reporters: "We don't know what [Mr Karadzic's] status is ... Our policy on

him remains what we have said in the past that he needs to be not only out of power but ... out of influence, out of town and in the dock."

Mr Karadzic's letter was delivered to Mr Bildt's office last Wednesday, but Mr Bildt withheld its publication until yesterday to give the Bosnian Serb leadership the opportunity to announce the resignation itself. Instead, Mr Karadzic was acclaimed at an SDS rally at the weekend in his stronghold, Pale.

A diplomat in Sarajevo said the real reason for the delayed release was to give the impression that it was the direct result of the G7's threat

to reimpose sanctions. He said Western capitals had put intense pressure on Mr Bildt to accept the "resignation" as genuine.

Most observers in Sarajevo were scornful of the letter. "Constitutionally, it's what you'd hand in as president when you go on your summer holidays," a Nato official said.

In recent weeks Mr Karadzic's removal has become a priority for Western diplomacy in the Balkans, and it was one of the dominant issues at the Lyon summit.

His insistence on partitioning Bosnia on ethnic lines and the heavy-handed repression of his regime threaten to

turn September's internationally-sponsored elections into a fiasco and prolong Nato's entanglement in the region.

The international community could at least claim a success yesterday in Mostar, where elections aimed at reunifying the partitioned city passed off peacefully.

The European Union administration, backed by 2,500 Nato troops, bused thousands of voters across the boundaries which have divided Croat and Muslim communities since fighting reduced much of the city to ruins in 1993.

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Defence rebels target Portillo in housing row

Rebecca Smithers Political Correspondent

GOVERNMENT hopes of killing off the backbench rebellion over plans to sell off armed forces married quarters were dashed yesterday as the row was rekindled by fresh threats of cuts to the defence budget and as a former defence minister accused the rebels of "Portillo bashing".

Last week 65 backbenchers, whose main organisers are strong supporters of John Redwood, a former leadership contender and the rightwing rival within the Conservative Party of Michael Portillo, the Defence Secretary, backed a Commons motion condemning the £1.6 billion sell-off.

Yesterday Jonathan Aitken added his voice to the pressure on the rebels, and irritated them by suggesting that their campaign did have a serious motive.

"There is a sort of slight game of Portillo bashing in some quarters," he told BBC Radio 4. "Some people may be playing that game and I would regret that if it was true."

The defence procurement minister, James Arbuthnot, insisted that the sale of the 60,000 homes would not be used directly to finance tax cuts — an argument which has been used privately by ministers to justify the move in an attempt to pacify the rebels.

But he stoked up the controversy by undermining the Prime Minister's pledge last week that personnel would

not be forced to move against their will, claiming that people would be offered "a comparable property".

Amid claims that the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, is seeking cuts of up to £400 million in the defence Budget, Mr Arbuthnot refused to deny that the Ministry of Defence was vulnerable.

"Every year the Treasury, as a natural process, tries to make sure that public spending is kept to a responsible and respectable level and this year will be no exception," he told BBC Radio 4's *The World This Weekend*.

The Cabinet will meet on Thursday to discuss next year's spending targets, kicking off the fierce departmental negotiations which precede the Budget.

The original purpose of the married quarters sale was to find an estimated £500 million to help towards defence cuts demanded by the Treasury. The sale price has now risen to about £1.5 billion, and if this were now to disappear, the ministry budget — already under pressure along with those of other departments — would face a serious crisis, especially on the equipment side.

The shadow defence secretary, David Clark, said that Britain's defences would be placed "in dire peril" by the Government's planned "savagely" cuts in military spending.

Labour is planning to force a Commons vote in the next couple of weeks, and is confident that with the help of the rebels it will defeat the Government.

How the battle lines were drawn on plan to sell off service homes

WARNING signs that Michael Portillo might have a battle on his hands over plans to sell off married quarters came early last week.

Tuesday June 25: First signs of a serious rebellion, as it emerged that 65 Tories had signed a Commons motion calling on the Government to consult service families before any sales of the 60,000 homes. The signatories included 10 former ministers and four executive members of the influential 1922 Committee of Tory backbenchers.

At Question Time, John Major said that a delay to the sale could threaten defence orders, and sought to reassure the rebels by pledging that no service personnel would be forced to move.

Wednesday June 26: Meet-

ings between the Defence Secretary and groups of rebels — in which he warned them that tax cuts would be jeopardised if the sell-off did not go ahead — led to 24 senior Tories removing their names from the motion.

Thursday June 27: The Tory MP, Julian Eraser, leader of the rebels, insisted he would press ahead with the campaign to slow the sale down on the back of favourable legal advice.

Sunday June 30: The defence procurement minister, James Arbuthnot, refused to deny reports that the Treasury was demanding defence cuts of up to £400 million, and appeared to contradict the Prime Minister by claiming that service personnel would be moved to a comparable property.

The master of easy listening avoids the schmaltz and shows how it should be done

Review Adam Sweeting

Burt Bacharach Royal Festival Hall

THE Mike Flowers Pops version of the Oasis hit, Wonderwall, has optimised

the "easy listening" boom in British pop music, but it took the master himself to set foot on the Festival Hall stage to show how it should be done.

Accompanied by the BBC Concert Orchestra, four female singers and a hand-picked rhythm section, Burt Bacharach stepped nimbly through 30-odd years of his own indelible hits, from Do You Know The Way To San

Jose? to Arthur's Theme and Heartlight.

Incredible but true, he was 68 last month, although deluxe California living has left Burt slim, tanned, and glowing with health club vitality. He was already 30 by the time he scored his first hit with his songwriting partner, Hal David, when the country singer, Marty Robbins, breached the American Top 20

with The Story Of My Life. Bacharach has been keeping pop statisticians squinting in ecstasy ever since.

Justifiably, perhaps, Burt was keen to nudge our memories about how many classics he has written. He described how the agency of having Walk On By beaten to the Academy Award by Talk To The Animals was balanced by the ecstasy of winning with Rain-

drops Keep Falling On My Head.

It's a fine line between schmaltz and class, but Burt's fastidious approach to his arrangements mostly kept him safe. Highlights were a swagging What's New Pussycat?, just a tiny amount of Close To You, a gust of Anyone Who Had A Heart, and a neatly understated Raindrops.

On hand to pay homage

were the Oasis brothers, Noel and Liam Gallagher. As Burt's performance whirred smoothly to a climax, Noel was whisked on stage to sing This Guy's In Love With You. The boy done fantastic — he remembered the words and sang in tune, though whether Oasis's rebel-rocker credentials can survive this flirtation with Burt's airbrushed dream-world remains to be seen.

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Asian tiger tycoons stake their place on billionaire's row

Mark Tran surveys the richest people and finds old money-spinners like property at work in new economies

BILLIONAIRES from the tiger economies of the Far East are gaining on Bill Gates, chairman of software giant Microsoft, and Warren Buffett, America's super investor, as the world's richest individuals.

While Mr Gates and Mr Buffett are still lording it over the world's dollar billionaires for the second year running in Forbes magazine's tenth annual ranking of individuals and their families, published last night, many are surprised to see five of the world's 10 wealthiest individuals come from Asia.

This reflects Asia's growing economic clout. While America is still home to a third of the world's biggest fortunes with 149 billionaires, Asia is rapidly catching up. Although the number of Japanese billionaires remains unchanged at 41 in 1996 from 1991, elsewhere in Asia, the number has surged from 26 to 82 in five years.

So Asia, largely economically underdeveloped at the end of world war two, now boasts 82 per cent of the world's great fortunes. And the number of billionaires is also rising rapidly, with 447 named by Forbes this year compared with 288 in 1995.

Much of the big new money made in Asia comes from businesses such as property development, energy and natural resources — exactly the same sectors where big money was made in the US decades ago.

In the US, where the number of billion-dollar fortunes climbed by 20 to 149 in the past year, the new billions were fuelled by the continuing boom on Wall Street, coupled with the computer revolution. In Mr Gates' case, his

wealth swelled by \$5.1 billion to reach \$18 billion (\$11.8 billion), making him the world's richest man.

Mr Buffett, nicknamed the Sage of Omaha for his astute investment decisions, boosted his net worth by \$4.6 billion and now has \$15.3 billion. In third place is Paul Saccher of Switzerland, who presides over Roche, the pharmaceuticals giant. He is the only European in the top 10.

The richest man in Asia is Lee Shau Kee, a property tycoon based in Hong Kong, who comes in fourth. The other Asians in the super-elite are Tsai Wan-Lin, founder of a Taiwanese insurance empire (\$12.2 billion), Li Ka-Shing, another property mogul from Hong Kong (\$10.6 billion), Yoshiaki Tsutsumi, once the world's richest man until Japanese property prices collapsed (\$8.2 billion)

The elite

Number of billionaires

US	149
Japan	41
UK	13
France	12
Germany	11
Italy	10
Spain	9
Canada	8
Australia	7
South Africa	6
Sweden	5
Switzerland	4
Belgium	3
Denmark	2
Norway	2
Other	1

and Tan Yu, another property man from the Philippines (\$7 billion).

Rounding off this group are Paul Allen, the co-founder of Microsoft and Canadian media tycoon Kenneth Thomson.

Among the crop of new billionaires from Asia is Nina Wang, Asia's richest woman with an estimated worth of \$3.3 billion. She took charge of Chinachem Group, Hong Kong's largest privately-held property developer after her husband, Teh Hual, was kidnapped, for the second time, in 1990.

She handed over more than half the reported \$60 million demanded by her husband's captors, but he never reappeared. She has no qualms about Hong Kong's handover to China next year and plans to build Nina Tower. At 1,584 feet, it is expected to be the world's tallest building at a cost of \$1.3 billion.

The growing number of Asian billionaires, particularly in South-east Asia, is part and parcel of the Asian miracle. From 1990 to 1995, South-east Asia's share of world economic output increased from 17 per cent to 25 per cent. The region's chunk of foreign exchange holdings has jumped from 10 per cent to over 50 per cent during the same period.

With national savings rates ranging from 30 to 45 per cent, South-east Asia is already generating nearly as much new savings each year as the US and Europe combined.

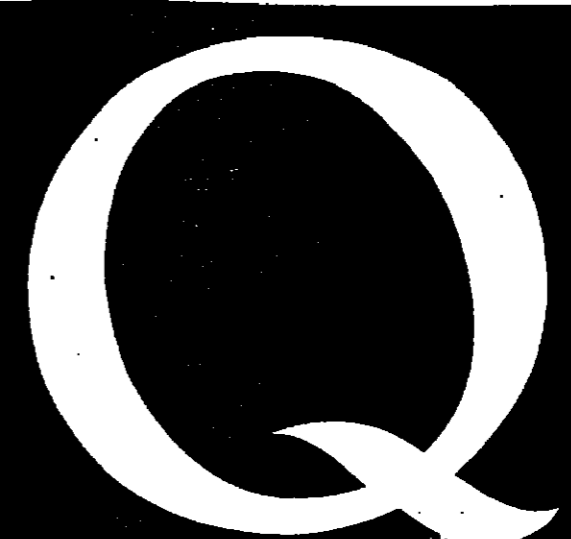
Britain has six billion-dollar fortunes, well down the pecking order, behind Saudi Arabia, Taiwan and the Philippines, with the Sainsbury family topping the list at \$4.1 billion.

The Getty family, always associated with enormous wealth, is a long way down the list with \$4 billion, though way ahead of Britain's poorest billionaire, Richard Branson, who has only \$1.4 billion.



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Britons killed in flash flood named

Nick Varley

DIPLOMATS last night named three of the four British victims of a flash flood which killed seven people in the Gulf state of Oman. Another Briton, not named, was still missing last night as rescuers gave up the search for the night.

Andy Deller, aged 34, from Eastbourne, East Sussex, was thought to have died trying to rescue other members of a 20-strong British party.

The other victims named by the British embassy in Oman were William Love, from Strathclyde, and Karen Salt, from Muscat, Oman's capital. No further details were given.

Two American airmen and a Dutch woman were also killed. Another Briton, injured by the accident, was last night in a stable condition in hospital.

The flood swept through the Snake Gorge, near Rustaq, a popular hiking area 100 miles west of Muscat, on Friday.

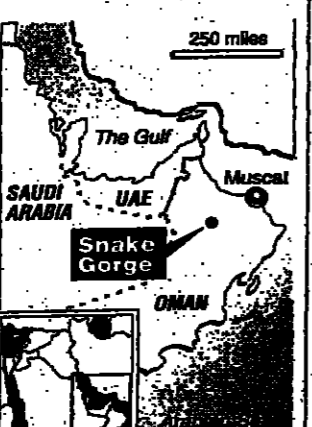
Several groups of walkers were at different points in the gorge, with the Jebel Akhdar mountains when the water swamped them.

Mr Deller's brother, David, also of Eastbourne, said last night: "I understand that Andy was swept down the ravine and was just pulling his friend up out of the water when the water came down the mountainside like a torrent and swept them away."

That was his brother. He was a courageous and brave man. He was always very active and a keen sportsman. He was very well thought of by every one that knew him. I am heartbroken.

The British victims were in a party walking along the gorge, a dried river bed, when the tragedy occurred. They all worked in Oman.

Rain water, which is thought to have collected further up the mountains, ap-



perated without warning and engulfed them.

A spokesman for the embassy in Muscat said: "The victims were terribly unlucky. There is always a risk when going on these excursions, but it was a popular tour and people don't really expect any danger."

Snake Gorge, also known as Wadi Binmah, is narrower than most at around 50ft. It is a tricky two-hour walk, involving clambering over rocks and jumping in pools of water which stand despite temperatures which reach up to 50C.

The embassy spokesman said the 6,000-strong British community living in Oman was shocked and deeply distressed.

Mr Deller had been working in the country as a deputy security manager for telecommunications firm Nortel for six years.

Previously, he served with the Royal Anglian Regiment, travelling all over the world and reaching the rank of colour sergeant.

His girlfriend Rachel Elson, who works for Virgin Atlantic at Gatwick airport, had been due to fly to Oman last week but had to cancel the trip because she had been unable to find a return flight, his brother said. She was being comforted by friends.

Security chief Lebed aims to be Yeltsin's second in command

David Hearst in Moscow

GENERAL Alexander Lebed made his clearest grab for power at the weekend, proposing that the post of vice-president, abolished after the crushing of the 1993 parliamentary revolt, should be reinstated for him.

With speculation about Boris Yeltsin's health continuing as the president failed to keep an engagement yesterday — his fourth day out of the public eye — Gen Lebed said the need to resolve the war in Chechnya demanded a second in command. At the moment the role is filled by the prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin.

The general, the new head of security, said on a television programme recorded a week ago: "A person with strong, authoritatively allocated constitutional powers should cover

this field of work." He rejected the role of prime minister in a future government, saying that was an economic job and he was a man of action.

"Moreover, in public consciousness, the name of Lebed and the post of premier don't match. But Lebed as vice president, yes," he said.

Since he joined the Yeltsin campaign by accepting the posts of security adviser and secretary of the security council, Gen Lebed has been keen to talk up his new power in the Kremlin. He fears that if Mr Yeltsin wins the second round of the presidential election on Wednesday by a wide margin he could suddenly find himself less important.

While he was responsible for purging three security ministers, a vice-premier and seven top generals, Mr Yeltsin has been remarkably reluctant to replace them with Lebed men.

Gen Lebed has been pres-



Gen Lebed... man of action

iding for a military hardliner, General Igor Rodionov, as minister of defence. Mr Yeltsin said the appointment could wait until the entire government resigned pending a new president.

Restoring the vice-presidency would require a change in the 1993 constitution: it was abolished after the last

incumbent, Alexander Rutskol, led the parliamentary revolt that October.

Mr Yeltsin's failure to turn up at an outdoor event organised by a Moscow newspaper yesterday added to concern about his health. He was last seen in public on Wednesday, and cancelled his public engagements on Friday. He is said to have developed laryngitis giving a stream of interviews to local newspapers and television channels.

But he has kept up the campaigning, reviving a strongly nationalist theme. He said he planned to visit one of the four Kurile islands north of Japan, which Tokyo claims, and warned Turkey and NATO that Russia would react if they tried to change the military balance of power in the Black Sea.

The rise of big vice, says of

Breakfast at Claridge's? Heathrow is better, claims Egon Ronay

John Mullin

THE fruit slice is as good as the tastiest pastries at the plush Cafe Royal; the doughnuts compare with the best at Harvey Nichols; and the breakfasts are just as good as Claridge's.

Egon Ronay, who knows his onions, believes the food at British airports now ranks with the best. Edinburgh is pretty good, but Heathrow and Gatwick are the tops, says the food critic. The fruit slice can be scoffed at the Metro at Gatwick; the succulent dough-

nuts are on offer in the Upper Crust in Edinburgh; and Harry Ramsden's fish and chip restaurant at Heathrow makes the finest breakfast.

Some, though, might think Mr Ronay biased. The British Airports Authority commissioned him four

years ago to raise the standard of food and catering at its seven airports. His inspectors test the quality of all food and drink at the 130 restaurants and snack bars once a month.

He says they are streets ahead of European airports.

Also flying off the shelves were titles such as Chicken Soup for the Soul, The Road Less Travelled and Spontaneous Healing. But no-one can sell spirituality to Americans quite like Deepak Chopra, the New Age industry's answer to Billy Graham.

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4 BRITAIN

Ex-BR chief attacks bus firm ethics

Rebecca Smithers
Political Correspondent

THE former chairman of British Rail has strongly criticised the business ethics of Britain's second biggest bus company, Stagecoach, which is poised to become one of the largest private rail operators.

In a World in Action programme to be screened tonight, Sir Bob Reid questions the practices of the highly acquisitive company set up by brother and sister team Brian Souther and Anne Glog, which has grown from a two-bus operation in 1980 to a global business with 8,000 buses and 24,000 employees.

In the same programme, MPs express their concern about the government fuel subsidy which has contributed a major proportion of the company's profits, helping Mrs Glog to become the second richest woman in Britain after the Queen.

The company grew by a rapid succession of takeovers of small and medium-sized bus and coach companies, but has been frequently investigated by the Office of Fair Trading, the Monopolies and Mergers Commission has criticised Stagecoach on eight separate occasions, and in Darlington — where it helped put the municipal bus company out of business — its tactics were described as "deplorable and against the public interest".

Sir Bob, who stepped down from BR last year after preparing the rail network for privatisation, says of Stage-

coach's tactics in Darlington: "Corporate ethics are not only important, but they're common sense. If you don't behave in an ethical way and you don't behave sensibly, then essentially you lose your licence to operate. You lose it morally and you lose it ethically, and in the end you lose it legally, and that cannot be sensible".

Stagecoach has recently taken over the franchise to run South West Trains, for which it receives an annual subsidy of £34 million.

Fred Spreser, Stagecoach's former general administrator, says the company's policy has always been to "stifle the competition before it has time to affect them".

He reveals how the company learned to take advantage of the Government's rebate on fuel duty, for which a firm becomes eligible provided its buses stop every 15 miles. Last year the rebate was worth £37 million to Stagecoach, whose profits were £41 million.

Michael Stern, Conservative MP for Bristol North-west, and a member of the Public Accounts Committee, tells World in Action: "It is still very questionable whether a blanket subsidy on fuel is the best, most efficient way of actually running a bus service. I don't think it is. The Public Accounts Committee in 1989 didn't think it is."

"We are still waiting for a response from the Government".

Stagecoach declined to be interviewed on the programme, and was not available for comment yesterday.



Drummers Aly and Laure protest outside the go-kart track at West Pier, Brighton, East Sussex, which was their preferred performance site on the beach

PHOTOGRAPH: ROSEPE B&A

Pier group beats war drum after sessions silenced

Nick Varley on musicians fighting for freedom on the beaches

FOR some it's welcome entertainment, an entrancing soundtrack to lazy Sunday afternoons. To others it's an unholy row.

Now the drummers of Brighton beach are promising just that if they are forced to stop their spontaneous public jamming sessions.

And to add to the hullaballoo, the row is being peppered with the phrase of the moment for any self-respecting spat: New Labour.

Green councillor Pete West said: "The drummers don't fit with New Labour's vision for Brighton sea front. They would seem to represent yet another nuisance to be swept off the streets with a Jack Straw style brush."

The weekly drumming sessions began two summers ago when a handful of percussionists started up one Sunday at the West Pier. The ad-hoc band grew weekly until 30 or more performers were beating out rhythms loved by some and loathed by others.

With West African djembes, designed to be heard miles away, among the line-up, the thud of complaints landing at Brighton council offices quickly built up too.

Only a compromise under which the drummers

agreed to stop by 8pm allowed them to stay throughout last summer.

But this year the council has had enough. It claims the drummers have repeatedly played on — and not just on Sundays either.

Labour councillor Andy Durr, chairman of the arts and leisure committee, said: "Once an agreement starts to fall apart there's no point keeping it."

And so the drummers' spot is now home to a chil-

dren's play area featuring a new type of noise pollution from a go-kart track.

Mr Durr admitted the scheme does not have planning permission — "through an oversight" — but denied it was aimed at removing the drummers.

"The council has been redeveloping the site for the last four years and this is the latest phase. The West Pier Trust, which is applying for a National Lottery grant to restore the pier and is responsible for

the site, needed revamp and we told them it could rent it out."

Last year Mr Durr told The Guardian: "The drummers are great. It's a Brighton thing."

Yesterday he said: "I year I was terribly in favour and I still am. I do the problem the local authority has is a simple one: the drummers aren't or nised in any form of pvt and will not self-pol themselves. There a drummers who have b going until 3.30 in t morning. What that doing is driving people sane. There've been awful lot of complaints."

There are no plans offer the drummers a other site unless they agr to co-operate fully with t council to draw up sor kind of register of those volved, he added.

Richard, one of the musicians, said such a m would mean losing t spontaneity of the session. "But the appearance of t go-kart track may at le accelerate some organis tion among the drummer they are promising to fig the retrospective planni application."

"People keep saying wh don't we just move," Ric ard said. "But there's a point because once they've done it to us once they'll d it again."

There are drummers who have been going until 3.30 in the morning'

BSE 'inducing suicide'

David Pallister

MORE farmers will die from suicide induced by the BSE crisis than the number of people who are killed from eating beef, Charles Runge, the chief executive of the Royal Agricultural Society of England (RASE), warned yesterday as he announced a full-time Samaritan helpline on the eve of the annual Royal Show.

The service, run jointly by the society, the National Farmers Union and the Samaritans, will be based on the

show site at Stoneleigh, in Warwickshire.

Despite protests from some farmers, the show will still be opened today by the European Agricultural Commissioner, Franz Fischler, whom many farmers blame for the EU ban on British beef.

Mr Runge said Mr Fischler had been invited before the beef crisis reached its peak. RASE leaders believed he should attend so he could see how farmers felt.

He urged farmers at the show to give the commissioner a courteous welcome. "I am not sure whether there

is going to be trouble or not, hope not," he said. But he admitted there was a "real danger" the show would be "taken over" by the subject of BSE.

High suicide rates have long been a feature of farming — 983 killed them selves in the 1980s — but "because of BSE it has come roaring to a head," Mr Runge said. "A lot of people who have contacted me are not so much angry as bloody frightened. They see their livelihoods being taken away from them for reasons they don't understand."

Boy, 9, dies in house fire after saving his family

ABOY aged nine has lost his life in rescuing his family from a fire at their Merseyside home.

Sean Evans raised the alarm, ensuring that his parents, two brothers and sister escaped the blaze, which broke out in their council house in Beechwood, Birkenhead, around 9am yesterday.

Firefighters said Sean and two of the other children were in the lounge when they heard a noise and discovered the fire in the hallway.

Sean closed the door on the other two and rushed upstairs to alert his parents, who were in bed. His father climbed out of the window, got a ladder and rescued his wife and youngest child from a back bedroom. Then he smashed the lounge window and got the other two children out.

But Sean was apparently trapped by a "blowtorch" effect as the fire raced up the stairwell, bursting out of the windows. It took firefighters using breathing apparatus and high pressure hoses 15 minutes to get the blaze under control. They found Sean's body in a front bedroom.

His parents and the other children, aged six to 11, were being treated in hospital last night for smoke inhalation and shock.

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News in brief

Danes retreat in fishing dispute

A RENEWED battle between Greenpeace protesters and Danish fishermen ended yesterday after the Danes appeared to pull out of waters off Scotland's east coast.

Stolen masters recovered

BRITISH detectives have helped colleagues in Germany and the Czech Republic break an international ring of art thieves and recover 14 "priceless" paintings.

Vicar resigns after allegations

A CHURCH of England vicar resigned his parishes after an investigation by his bishop into allegations made against him, it was revealed yesterday.

Park stabbing charge

A TEENAGER is due in court today following the stabbing of a Russian student minutes after England's defeat in the Euro '96 semi-finals.

Two share lottery jackpot

TWO ticket-holders have hit the National Lottery jackpot, scooping £5.2 million each. The winning numbers were 24, 35, 17, 27, 46 and 4, bonus ball 7.

Charities see budget cuts and lottery as twin threats to Third World aid

Owen Bowcott

THE twin threats of competition from the National Lottery and Treasury cuts in the overseas aid budget may undermine Britain's contribution to developing countries, Voluntary Service Overseas warns in a survey report today.

spending will be squeezed to provide tax cuts ahead of the next general election, British charities are launching a campaign to prevent Third World aid from slipping down the political agenda.

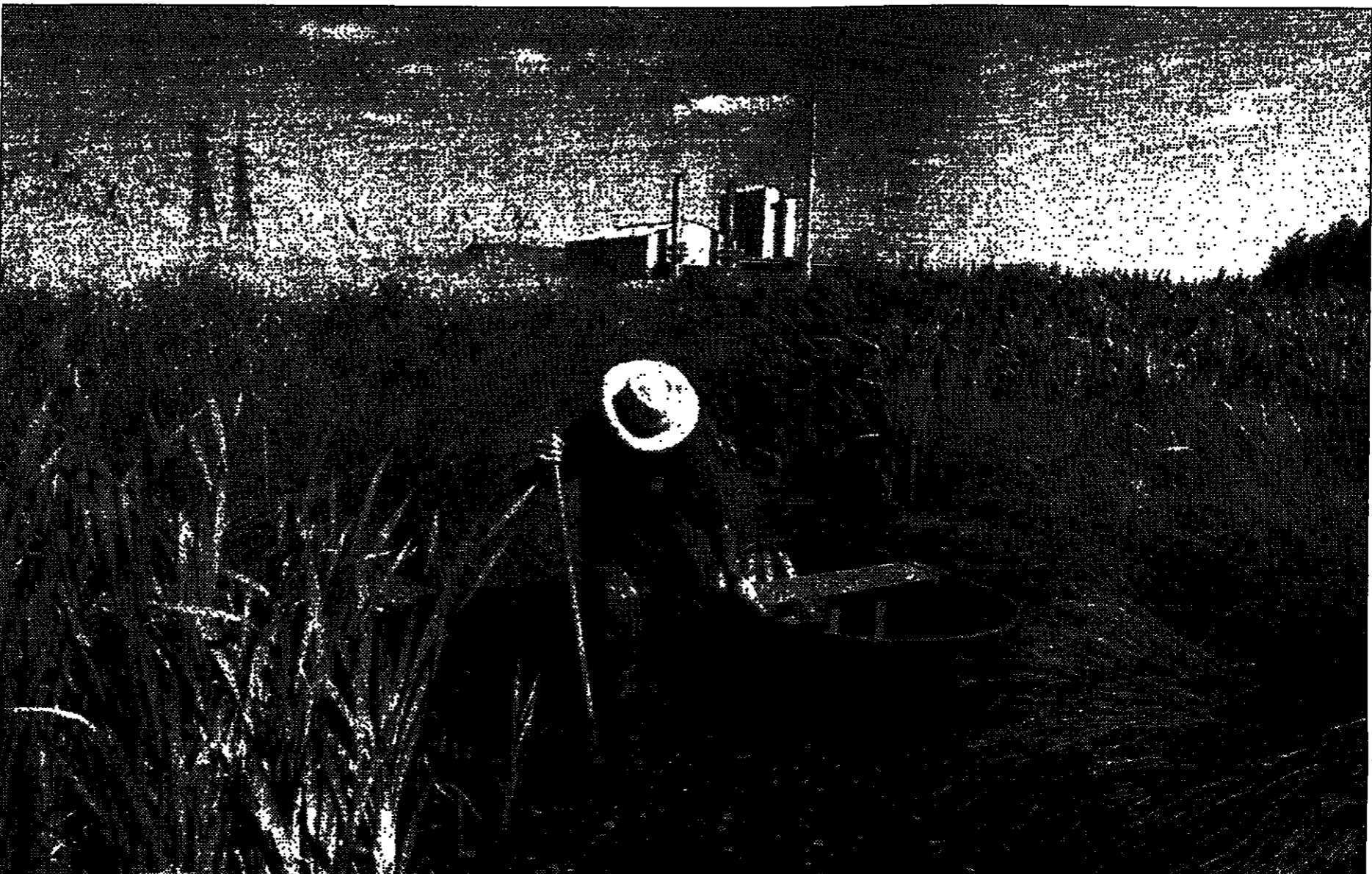
budget for the Government's Overseas Development Administration. Some charities suspect that, whereas Douglas Hurd as foreign secretary protected overseas aid, it has become vulnerable in the tougher economic climate since Malcolm Rifkind took the post.

Other G7 nations, such as Italy, the US and France, had made bigger cuts than Britain in their international aid budgets in the past few years. The National Lottery has increased competition among charities for the nation's spare change.

According to the National Council for Voluntary Organisations, donations are down by 8.3 per cent because of the lottery. VSO, which has around 1,900 Britons working abroad passing on professional skills to local people, saw a 40 per cent drop in receipts from its latest fund-raising raffle.

Overseas aid

Table with 2 columns: Year, Amount (£ million). Rows: 1992/93 (2,118), 93/94 (2,195), 94/95 (2,314), 95/96 (2,230), 96/97 (2,154), 97/98 (2,204), 98/99 (2,277).



SIMON DAY, the Dartford countryside warden, uses a coracle to inspect the last fresh water marsh on the River Thames, which the owner Glaxo Wellcome wants to develop.

about the proposal although the area is designated an "economic development site" in the local plan. Many schools use the site for wildlife studies and bird watchers perch on the flood embankments overlooking the site to study migrants in the autumn and spring.

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Parents' hotline fights Internet porn

Nicholas Bannister Technology Editor

PARENTS worried that their children might be downloading pornography or other unsuitable material from the Internet will be able to get help over the phone from a national advice service launched today by an American group.

The Netcom group, which is aiming to become Britain's largest independent Internet service provider, claimed it was the first national service to help parents with Internet concerns.

David Furniss, its United

Kingdom marketing director, said it could be used by anyone, not just Netcom customers.

"We want to give parents enough information to empower them to select and regulate a child's usage of the Internet," he said.

"We think it is irresponsible to censor the content ourselves, partly because of the vast amount of information on the Internet."

He said he believed many parents who may be considering joining the Internet were afraid their children would be deluged by huge amounts of undesirable material.

But in practice that sort of

material had to be sorted out. Parents ringing the advice line will, for example, be able to get information about software packages which deny access to certain web pages and prevent the use of certain key search words.

In addition there will be lists of web sites and news groups suitable for families and practical advice such as sitting a computer in a place used by all of the family rather than tucking it away in a bedroom.

The advice line will be manned 24 hours a day by trained members of Netcom's existing customer and technical support staff.

Calls to the Bracknell number (01344-395501) will be charged at the standard rate rather than at a premium rate.

Mr Furniss admitted that the group hoped many of the callers would eventually become Netcom customers.

The group launched its UK service in May, with the aim of catching up or overtaking Britain's leading independent Internet service providers, Demon and Pipex, within a year.

It is already the largest independent service provider in the United States, with some 400,000 North American customers.

Howard's jail term power 'unfair'

Claire Dyer Legal Correspondent

THE Home Secretary's powers to decide how long prisoners serving mandatory life sentences for murder should stay in jail are "unfair, unnecessary and anachronistic", the law reform group Justice argues in a report today.

The organisation, chaired by Lord Alexander of Woolton, QC, chairman of National

Westminster Bank, says major changes in criteria and procedures for deciding prison terms have been made by ministers without the approval of Parliament or the courts. Decisions cannot easily be challenged and can be influenced by political motives.

The Home Secretary fixes the "tariff" - minimum prison term - for mandatory lifers and decides whether to release them when the tariff expires.

The report coincides with an appeal by the Home Secretary, Michael Howard, against a High Court ruling that he acted unlawfully in setting a 15-year tariff for Jon Venables and Robert Thompson, the 11-year-old killers of James Bulger. Lawyers for Mr Howard will go to the Appeal Court today to try to reverse the ruling that he acted outside his powers in treating child murderers like adults serving mandatory life sentences.

Two High Court judges held that Mr Howard had operated "an unbridled discretion" in setting the tariff in response to the public outcry over the murder, when the trial judge

had recommended eight years and the Lord Chief Justice 10. The judges ruled that the law governing child murderers required their time in custody to be kept under regular review.

The Justice report, which draws on the experience of 170 lifers, backs calls from senior judges and the Commons home affairs select committee for the abolition of the Home Secretary's powers over mandatory lifers. It describes the present system as a set of "moveable goalposts" which provide no certainty for prisoners, victims' families or society. It also calls for the abolition of the mandatory life sentence.

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Advertisement for LQ of 145 and Can't Remember? featuring a form for requesting a magazine and contact information.

News in brief

Woman kills five in suicide bomb attack

A FEMALE Kurdish rebel killed herself and at least five soldiers in a suicide bomb attack on a military parade in Tunceli in eastern Turkey yesterday.

16 die in Colombia massacre

MASKED gunmen fired indiscriminately on people at a bus terminal and a pool hall in the western Colombian city of Medellin on Saturday, killing at least 16 and wounding four.

Bug baffles US scientists

AMERICANS have been told they can eat strawberries again but to avoid raspberries as baffled biologists continue their hunt for the transmission path of an elusive microbe that had hospitalised over a thousand people in 11 states.

Euthanasia becomes legal

THE world's first law permitting assisted suicides for terminally ill patients takes effect in Australia's Northern Territory today, with supporters saying fresh regulations make the law useless and critics confident of winning a legal challenge.

Flood misery for Amazonians

MORE than 10,000 Amazonian Indians are homeless and destitute after the Orinoco river broke its banks and flooded vast swathes of Venezuela's southern Amazonas state.

China clamps down on films

THE Chinese government has tightened regulations on Chinese films made with assistance from foreign studios, according to the People's Daily.



Bullets for ballots... Supporters of candidates contesting elections in Pakistan-held Kashmir wield assault rifles in Rawalpindi yesterday

'Child-eating' wolf shot dead

A WOLF has been shot dead in northern India after it was believed to have killed at least 18 children over the past two months, the Press Trust of India said yesterday.

What is it that jars so about the London manner? I'm sure it's something to do with the imperial tone: London calling!

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Hong Kong begins one-year countdown with pro-China celebrations dwarfing democracy vigil

Lion dances foretell end to British rule

Andrew Higgins in Hong Kong

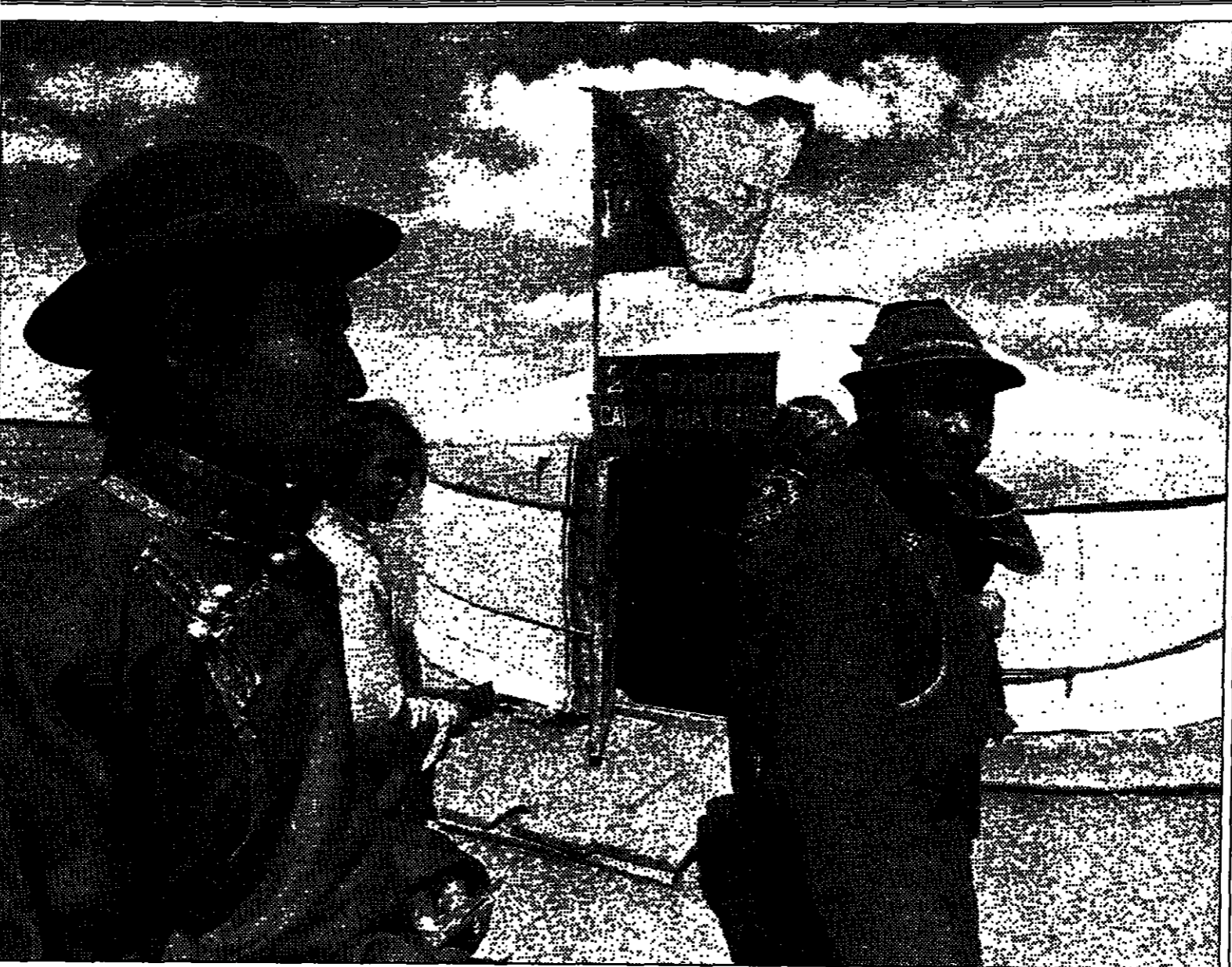
HONG KONG demonstrators held a candle-lit vigil last night to mark the final one-year countdown to Chinese rule, but their demonstration was dwarfed by an afternoon funfair organised by pro-Chinese groups.

Pro-China groups organised celebratory events across the territory, with concerts, lion dances, speeches and telephone link-ups with the mainland.

The return of Hong Kong to the motherland is a great and shining moment in the history of China, said the People's Daily, the newspaper of the Chinese Communist Party.

Mr Patten, the colony's 28th and last colonial governor, marked the day with a radio address attacking Beijing for seeking to replace an elected legislature with a handpicked "provisional" body.

official responsible for Hong Kong, has said journalists will have freedom to "report" but not to "advocate" taboo causes, such as independence for Taiwan, Tibet or Hong Kong.



Shifting support... Mongolian nomads wait by a polling station in Mongolia's Hentii province yesterday. Voters, some riding for hours on horseback, turned out in huge numbers to choose between the ruling former communists and a coalition of economic and political liberals

Investors' confidence in Vietnam crumbles

Nicholas Cumming-Bruce in Hanoi

A YELLOW hotel, its 18 storeys soaring above a jumble of low-rise Hanoi houses and construction sites, is a landmark to the rapid changes rattling this once-sleepy capital of faded colonial villas and lakes.

Foreign businessmen, intended to be the main clientele of this Korean-built hotel, pay nearly \$200 (£130) a day for a room, the average annual income of the Vietnamese.

Today and normal trading should resume. But the atmosphere of gloom will not lift so quickly.

Investors' confidence has been eroded by frequent rate changes, bureaucracy, corruption, and land laws that cause confusion and delay.

Dublin ready for closer Europe without Britain

The new Irish EU presidency has plans to boost integration. John Palmer reports

THE Irish government, which took over the presidency of the European Union at midnight, plans to speed up preparations for a new treaty on political union even if this risks renewed conflict between the British government and its European partners.

The prime minister, John Bruton, wants to try to bridge the gulf between Britain and the rest of the EU during Ireland's six-month presidency, starting with a special Maastricht treaty review summit in Dublin in October.

other hand, Ireland is far closer to the continent in terms of its social philosophy. We will not settle for a lowest common denominator agreement in the conference.

results in terms of jobs. Dublin also wants to push for closer co-operation on international crime.

There are very important things we can do together, such as harmonising sentencing for drugs trafficking and stronger measures against the cross-border drugs trade.

With the British refusing to join the Schengen countries in a border-free area, it would mean us putting up border controls with Northern Ireland if we went with the majority.

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A question of commitment

The real message from Bosnia

RADOVAN KARADZIC is adept at waiting till the very end before he jumps. The question now is whether, by renouncing his presidential powers while being re-elected to lead the ruling Serb Democratic Party, he has genuinely stepped back or has simply made fools of the G7 summit and its stern "ultimatum."

The central issue is not Mr Karadzic but whether the outside world settled in reality at Dayton for a permanently divided Bosnia, or is still striving to reverse the consequences of the civil war.

On Wednesday night, a friend of mine was at Trafalgar Square. The atmosphere was highly-charged but generally peaceful. Why the police decided to encircle the area in full riot regalia, preventing anyone from leaving, is anyone's guess.

The motherland calls

But Hong Kong still needs its freedoms

ONE YEAR from today Hong Kong will wake up under Chinese rule or — as some will prefer to say — to rejoin the motherland. The number of Hong Kongers who, as the time approaches, feel a surge of patriotism — whether spontaneously or to please the mainland — should not be underestimated.

The handover may well surprise most people by seeming to go quite smoothly. Disputes over who salutes which flag at what ceremony are in the end of little consequence. Beijing will probably take some pains to avoid any immediate shocks.



Letters to the Editor

Big match, bad result

SOCCER violence is obscene, pathetic, vulgar and sad. Exactly the same adjectives may be applied to a disturbingly high number of the police who control these outbreaks.

When things started to get confrontational, my friend tried to leave, along with two girls he was with. Taking their hands, he approached an officer blocking their exit and told him they wanted to get home.

We could do well to remember that mindless hooliganism and gang violence exist in many of our great British institutions, not just on the terraces.

If Euro 96 was such a compelling entertainment, why haven't more people gone to watch it? England and Scotland have played to full houses, but so others did.

Offrendy

THE Chief Inspector of Schools, Chris Woodhead, has yet again attacked teachers, teacher-trainers and education advisers (Teachers 28).

In the 1980s, the same Chris Woodhead, former teacher-trainer and education adviser, wrote an extraordinarily progressive article, entitled Getting the proper attention, in which he put forward the very views he now condemns.

The absurdity of the question is confirmed by the triviality of the image by which it was expressed — though I suspect that the journalist who asked it did not realise that the button is purely metaphorical.

Sand in Rifkind's face

MUSLIMS do not need Malcolm Rifkind (Times 28) to tell them that Islam condemns terrorism in all its forms. But there is something just a little disingenuous about his claim that the bombing near Dhahran was a "terrorist" attack.

A fundamental feature of democracy is the right to self-determination. If denial of that right for commercial ends is what we and the US are engaged in by stationing troops in the region and exporting torture tools, such as electric batons, should we really be shocked by another bomb?

Without them, the Iran-Iraq war, which led to the invasion of Kuwait, might never have happened.

There is a noticeably sardonic attitude from your writers with regards to the single most important media service in my life, Radio 4.

Endpiece

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Victoria and Albert, an elderly couple in need of rehousing

IT IS very difficult in Britain to build anything that is truly creative. The mundane has become the norm. This reaction to anything new has plagued us this century, allowing Paris and New York to establish themselves, at London's expense, as the visual arts capitals of the world.

It is also a sad indication of this lack of confidence in the future that hundreds of millions of pounds of lottery money raised to mark the Millennium is being spent on remodelling of existing buildings whilst we ignore the equally important need for inspiring new buildings.

est to the surface to dry out and degrade, while the previously rich sand and vegetation has been invaded by scrub species. Redgrave's owners, the Suffolk Wildlife Trust, are co-ordinating a £3.6 million rescue programme, which includes Essex and Suffolk water, re-siting their borehole elsewhere, the mechanical removal of the rotted peat and the reduction in the rank vegetation. This is the point at which the koniks make their entrance, for they can thrive on the poorest of grazing. In time, the horses will help restore Redgrave to something like its former glory.

A Country Diary

REDGRAVE AND LOPHAM FEN, SUFFOLK. A beautiful, warm dun colour, with black stockings and tail and a short black mane continuing as a dark "eel stripe" down the back; they are some of the most striking ponies you are ever likely to see.

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Pen power

VERONICA Guerin was so effective as a journalist that she was not allowed to live (The tragedy is there are no rules anymore, June 28). Her murder was an act of barbarism, and it was the most prestigious award of recognition any journalist can receive.

At a time when there are editors who not only accept knighthoods and other awards from governments but actually boast about it, Guerin's murder reminds us that a good journalist is a thorn in the side of authority, not its PR consultant.

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10 OBITUARIES

Bobby Keetch

This football business

HE WORE a bob watch to make his statement in the 1960s. Professional footballers... Bobby Keetch... a bruiser on the field and a charmer off it

Best was a refulgent star. Keetch was a heaver of wood and a drawer of water, a centre-half of whom the most benign description might have been uncompromising.

Those were happy, easy-going days at Fulham... Keetch as a character rose high above the mundane Keetch as footballer, which is why he is still remembered in the same sentence as Fulham players who were much more gifted footballers than he was.

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has only just been launched. If there were excesses people readily forgave him. The Times's legendary football correspondent, Geoffrey Green, away on a sabbatical, rented Keetch his charming house by the Thames and returned to find it devastated.



Bobby Keetch... a bruiser on the field and a charmer off it

George Snell

Of mice and men and supergenes



George Snell... Nobel prizewinner admired for his modesty

DR GEORGE Snell, the Nobel prizewinner who has died aged 92, pioneered research in the early 1950s to demonstrate that X-rays produce mutational changes in mammalian chromosomes. His work eventually helped to explain and overcome rejection problems in organ transplants.

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Ande Anderson

Calm nights at the opera

ANDERSON David Webster, the administrator who created the Royal Opera and we know it after the second world war, was always generous with praise for the "special talents" of Ande Anderson, who has died aged 78.

had been a fair boy soprano, and enrolled at the Northern Studio of Dramatic Art in 1939. As an assistant stage manager on an ENSA tour in India, he caught John Gielgud's eye, and was taken on to work at the Lyric, Hammer-smith.



Ande Anderson... he was unflappable in a crisis

Birthdays

Diana, Princess of Wales, 35; Dan Aykroyd, actor, 44; Claude Berri, film director, 62; Wayne David, Labour MEP, 38; Olivia de Havilland, actress, 80; Lady Faulkner, member, Opsahl Commission on Northern Ireland, 71; Sir Colin Fergus, former Intelligence Service Chief (C), 71; John Gould, composer, 58; Deborah Harry, singer, 51; Hans Werner Henze, composer, 70; Carl Lewis, athlete, 35; Prof Stephen Neidle, cancer researcher, 50; Sydney Pollack, film director, 62; Prof Anne Showstack Sassoon, professor of politics, Kingston University, 52; Garry Schofield, rugby league player, 31; Twyla Tharp, dancer and choreographer, 55.

Professor Edward McInnes

All present in the past

THE MOST lasting achievements of Professor Edward McInnes — professor of German literature at Hull University — who has died of cancer aged 60, were his studies of 18th and 19th century works, particularly the drama.

through to naturalism and Bertold Brecht. McInnes's approach to literature was historical. He saw texts as the struggle to make sense of a changing world and was always concerned with the connections between literature and everyday life.

Edinburgh University post. He was in London, published his findings — also about mice — that blood group had a powerful influence on transplant survival. Blood groups are genetically determined and, in a transatlantic exchange, Snell and Gorer carried out experiments which confirmed Gorer's blood group findings.

that concern for humanity in his practical designs and in writing. Such values seem old-fashioned in the universities of the 1990s. McInnes was sceptical about the educational benefits of new technologies and saddened by the intellectual impoverishment caused by academic specialisation.

German fiction and planning further studies of 18th century literature. He was never remote: he was a keen supporter of Hull City FC, and through his children remained in touch with the tastes of a younger generation.

Anderson's job as staff producer was to take over shows when the big name directors — like the Visconti or Zeffirelli — had left. He staged the odd *Rigoletto* or *Queen of Spades*, usually with a second XI company cast, but did not get much chance to show what he could do in his own right at the Garden.

the tortured freedom fighter of Tippet's *Enot Garden*. Anderson fought bravely himself against the bad aspects of the star system, and used to lament the way Richard Bonynge's tutelage had distorted John Sutherland's *bel canto* singling of vowels and consonants.

Jackdaw



Nerd's world

ARJUN'S Web Page: general site, nothing special. Bink: a dynamic (always under construction/never finished) web page of stuff that you couldn't care less about. Colin's Weak Excuse For A Home Page: title says it all. Computer Wizards: Crap! Dave's Page à la Net: a stupid home page that nobody wants to see. Darkside's Homepage: a useless page to take up space; with links to stupid stuff you didn't want to see anyway. Doofis Rooster: a very stupid pretenentious meaningless worthless place of band-

width. You'll ask "Why?" and there's no response. Down Home With Richard: displays a quicktime movie I made. Otherwise it's a pretty lame site. But the movie is cool. Eric's Useless Page: uses Frames, Java, GIF animation, Forms, tables. I am teaching. This is for fun and learning HTML. Greg's Wonderful World Of Really Boring Stuff: THE place for the weird, insane, rejected and nerdy. Keith Henrikson's 15 World: simply the ramblings of a boring and strange mind. Matt And Jesse's Kicking Web Page: currently a useless page created by two high-school students, will hopefully serve some purpose in the future. Rick's Home Page: a meaningless, narcissistic home page, totally void of content and there solely to impress my friends. Moronic Waste Of Time Page: it is just that, a moronic waste of time. Actual introductions to websites found at www.nerdworld.com/cgi-bin/One-trouder

why they created them in the first place. Funky fungi MAGIC mushrooms is our latest product. A blend of six exotic botanicals, this product is touted as "a mystical journey in a pill", a "spiritual psychedelic stimulant euphoriant", as well as a herbal simulation of the many varieties of ancient mushrooms. Magic Mushrooms contains the following sacred botanicals: Tunera Diffusa (The ancient Mexican "Witching Herb"), Eleutherococcus Senticosus (Antler Resh mushrooms), Camoderma Lucidum, Carthamus Tinctorius, Mystica Fragrans, & Ephedrae Sinica. THIS PRODUCT IS 100% CAFFEINE FREE! Magic Mushrooms can be summarised as a magical mystical spiritually psychedelic trip. Satisfaction guaranteed for visionary vibrations. Take tablets on an empty stomach with plenty of orange juice or water.

100% NATURAL 10 tablets - £29.99 100 tablets - £299.99 Drugs for caffeine abhorers advertised in Bikini. Pass-ons IS IT tacitful to suggest, after a death in the family, that the dead person's shoes should be given to a particular charity? Judge Ronald Knox-Mawer is known to Notebook readers as the Robin Hood-like figure who, for the benefit of the homeless at The Passage, Westminster Cathedral, dashes about London picking up abandoned clothes from hotels, unsold garments from shops, and uneaten food from restaurants. During a lean patch recently, he reflected on how several of his friends have died and more than one of the dependents had asked in mournful bewilderment what to do with the personal things left. To keep everything as it was forever, as Queen Victoria did after Albert's death, smacks to some people of morbidity. To throw everything out at once may seem

too abrupt and painful. Yet many people like to find an outlet or a use, even in sorrow. Perhaps the choice should not have to be made at death. After all, people sign donor cards well ahead that will allow their organs to be used after death. Please give your clothes and shoes to The Passage, Westminster Cathedral "could make all the difference to someone's future, the renewal of their self respect — and the chance of a job. The Tablet — charity after death. Rock 'n' bulge I REMEMBER the first time I saw a real rock 'n' roll bulge, how important I thought that was in a man's attire. It was Mick Jagger, at my first big rock 'n' roll concert, the Stones at the Virginia Beach Centre, when I was about 11. He was wearing white trousers, so the bulge was quite ridiculously prominent. And from then on, in every picture that I saw of a cool rock 'n' roll guy, if they

didn't have their bulge as well as their brilliance, I would think — something's wrong. It was style, it was sexy, it was statement. The Stones defined in my mind what was attractive in a man: monkey men and perfect skinny men... Maybe it was partly because being one of those girls seemed like the way to be a woman in rock 'n' roll. I did always want to be able to wear those tight velvet pants myself. When I was little, and playing rockstar in front of my mirror with my hairbrush for a microphone, I would get a pair of tight pants and put a sock in there and pretend I was Mick Jagger. It was embarrassing, right up there with being caught masturbating. But it wasn't a boy, I really wanted to be a woman in rock 'n' roll, and I liked what it represented: rock 'n' roll. Bebe Bruell was the Queen of the rock chicks. She explains the base attraction to Details magazine. Date dump GIVE your claim to fame as being voted "Most Festerous" for your high school year book. Read a newspaper or book during the meal, ignore your date. Stare at your date's neck and grind your teeth audibly. Howl and whistle at female's legs, especially if you are a woman. Recite your dating history. Improvise. Include pets.

Upon entering the restaurant, ask for a seat away from the windows, where you have a good view of all exits, and where you can keep your back to the wall. Act nervous. Hold a debate. Take both sides. Slide under the table. Take your plate with you. Take a break when you go into the rest-room. When you return to the table, throw a spare pair of underwear on the back of one of the chairs. Insist that they need airing out. Bring 20 or so candles with you, and during the meal get up and arrange them around the table in a circle. Chant. Use the proceeds (if any) to pay the bill. How to get rid of that unsavoury date at www.anti-ch.edu/~nhughes

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Messy issues remain for new 'global solidarity'

COMMENTARY/Third World detects more than a whiff of moral imperialism in the air, writes Richard Thomas

AT THE close of the G7 summit in Lyon on Saturday, a laudatory summary of its achievements was given by the president of France...

While the real French leader, Jacques Chirac, elegantly described the birth of a new 'global solidarity'...



Chirac... no gain without pain - some of it local

On the face of it this is an uncontentious proposal and the only prime opponent, Britain, is vilified for appearing to condone such appalling practices...

Of course, these accusations incense the proponents, who insist their concern is the protection of 'basic human rights'...

Countries can afford decent social standards because they are wealthy. A key component of this wealth generation is export earnings...

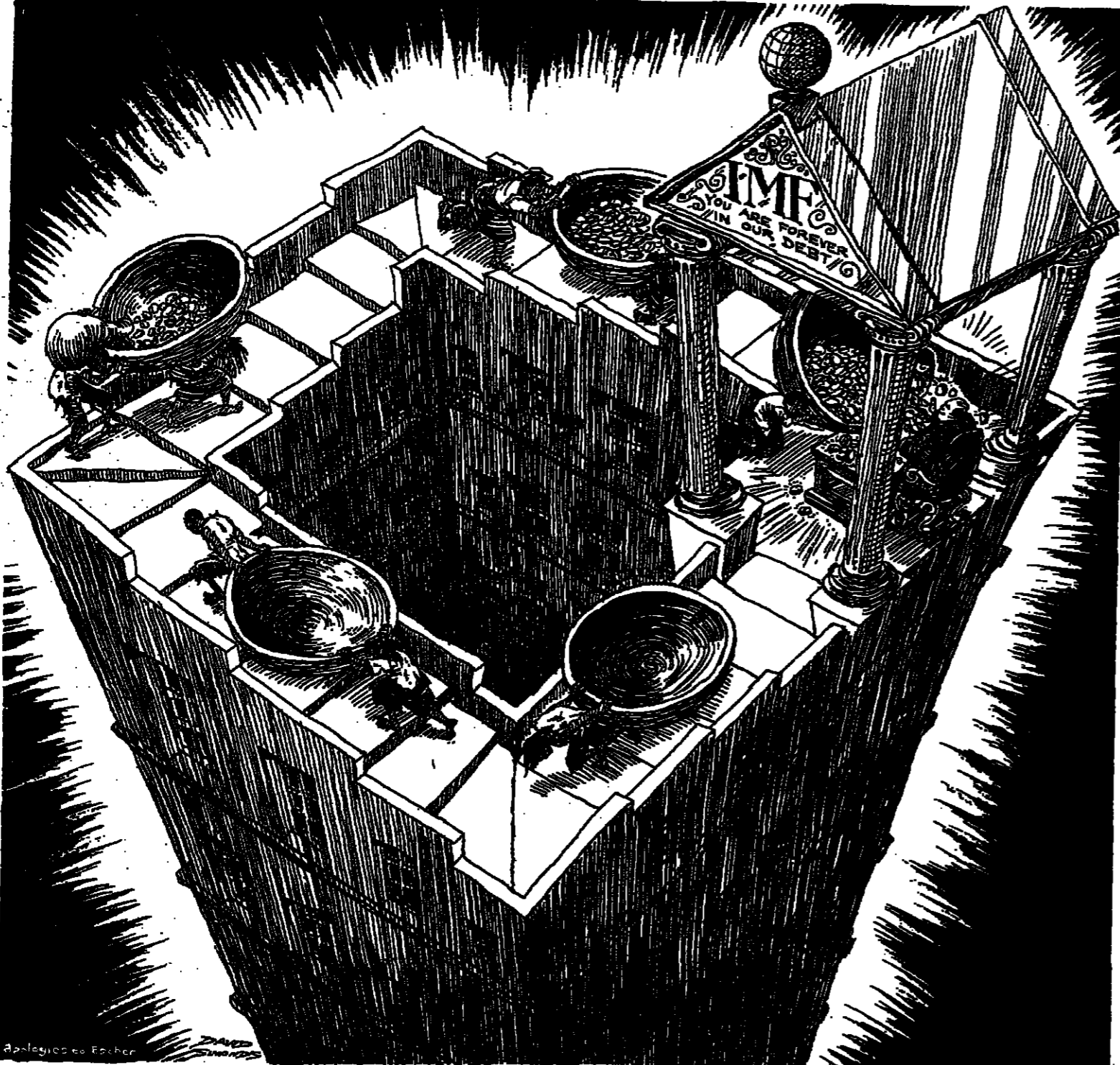
Developing nations also accuse the French and Americans - who are keenest on the plan - of looking harder over their shoulders at their own

But the transfer of resources within the South occurs without the final part of the transfer resources to the South. This is where the G7 - committed as it is to budgetary stringency - starts to have second thoughts...

Other, more radical options, have been touted for global redistribution, such as a carbon tax on the big polluters of the West...

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Learn from noble Norway



Larry Elliott

ANYBODY who has experienced the agony of negative equity will know how the heavily indebted countries of the developing world feel...

losophy which has laissez-faire as its foundation stone. The rich nations see globalisation - which has leached power from them - as inevitable and the best guarantor of rising prosperity and freedom.

Third, even within the rich West there have been signs that the growth of income inequality, as measured by the Gini coefficient, may be stretching social cohesion to breaking point.

One answer to these developments is to say we should reject globalisation entirely and hand power back to the national state. This is what Fat Buchanan has argued...

cause only 20 per cent of its \$2.5 billion bilateral debt was amassed before it appealed to the Paris club.

Yet, as the Lyon G7 summit showed only too clearly, there is a twin paradox here. Debt is just one issue where the world's most powerful economic nations can see that hands-on action and co-operation would be beneficial.

around the globalisation process. A couple of years ago, the German attitude would have seemed sound and defensible. In Lyon, there were a number of reasons why Chirac caught the prevailing mood.

The attempts to block NAFTA and the Uruguay round are the best examples of trying to put the brakes on globalisation and take a more gradualist approach to economic change...

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Bogus mercantilism reaches its apogee

Worm's eye Dan Atkinson

LEVEL-HEADED insurance men have long held to the golden rule that one should never underwrite one piece of business in the hope that it will lead to another...

either non-beneficial or actively prejudicial to its national interest on the basis that unspecified but enormous benefits will result at some point in the future.

make rotten negotiators? So what else is new? Well, what is new is that all this G7-type, battling-for-Britain, strategic-interests stuff is supposed to be history...

clearly has an interest, but the Crown, representing the generality of the British people, has no interest at all. Britain may need copper, but this can be bought on the open market.

Either we believe our own free-trade propaganda or we don't. If we do, then our modest proposal for the whole economic-summit industry should be simple and direct. Between the eyes.

Advertisement for Philips mobile phones. Includes text: 'Get more for your money, buy Cellphones', 'NEW GSM MODEL FIZZ', 'FREE LINE RENTAL - for 4 months', '4 MONTHS FREE LINE RENTAL', 'FREEPHONE 0800 000 888'.

Tourist rates - bank sells

Table with columns for country and rate. Includes Australia 1.8950, Austria 16.07, Belgium 46.90, Canada 2.0550, Cyprus 0.7015, Denmark 8.84, Finland 7.10, France 7.70, Germany 2.2850, Greece 354.60, Hong Kong 11.08, India 54.41, Ireland 0.9435, Israel 4.84, Italy 2.325, Malta 0.5455, Netherlands 2.5625, New Zealand 2.20, Norway 9.80, Portugal 236.00, Saudi Arabia 5.76, Singapore 2.15, South Africa 6.51, Spain 191.75, Sweden 10.09, Switzerland 1.87, Turkey 120.898, US 1.5100.

Indicators

TODAY - UK: Purchasing Managers Index (June), UK: M4 figures (June, provisional), UK: NABP (June), TOMORROW - UK: Official reserves (June), UK: FOMC Meeting, UK: Leading Indicators (May), UK: New Home Sales (May), WEDNESDAY - UK: Chancellor/Governor monthly meeting, FR: Banque de France Council Meeting, G8: Industrial Production (May), G8: Manufacturing Production (May), THURSDAY - US: Market Holiday, Independence Day, FRIDAY - UK: Housing starts and completions (May), US: Non-Farm Payrolls (June), US: Unemployment (June), Source: NatWest Securities.



Sunday successes... Steve Backley, left, competing at Gateshead, earned a place in Britain's Olympic team while Frederic Monceau won the first stage of the Tour de France in Holland

Results

Soccer

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

Table showing soccer results for the European Championships, including matches between West Germany and Czechoslovakia, and others.

Rugby Union

Second Test (Buenos Aires) Argentina 15 France 34. World Cup Group A England 23 Japan 20.

Rugby League

Table showing rugby league results, including matches between Great Britain and France, and various club games.

Golf

Table showing golf results, including the British Open and other professional tournaments.

Cricket

Northants go balefully down to DeFreitas

ROB BAILEY has led Northants to the top of the Sunday League, and yesterday he led them down again.

Saturday's board

Table showing cricket scores from Saturday's matches, including Northants vs Warwickshire and other games.

Cricket

News and Scores

Table showing cricket news and scores for various counties, including Derbyshire, Durham, Essex, etc.

Cricket

Whitaker in Atlanta form

Germany's Olympic showjumping champion Ludger Beerbaum showed impressive pre-Atlanta form yesterday when he won the Aachen Grand Prix with Spruha Regina.

Baseball

Table showing baseball results, including games from the National League and American League.

Tennis

BRITISH TOUR (Hampstead): Flavia Pennetta (Italy) defeated Martina Navratilova (Czech Rep) 6-3, 6-4.

Australian Rules

FLINDERS 19.10 (74) defeated FRANKSTON 15.12 (90) in the Carlton match.

Hockey

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS (Dusseldorf): West Germany defeated the Czech Republic 2-0.

Motorcycling

BRITISH TOUR (Hampstead): Peter Heffernan (Ireland) won the 125cc race.

Boxing

BRITISH TITLE FIGHT: J. Gallagher (Ireland) defeated J. O'Sullivan (Ireland) 12-0.

Cycling

TOUR DE FRANCE (Amstelveen): Zbigniew Boniek (Poland) won the 100km time trial.

Yesterday's board

Table showing cricket scores from yesterday's matches, including Warwickshire vs Gloucestershire and other games.

League Table

Table showing league tables for various sports, including soccer, rugby, and tennis.

Sport in brief

Akinwande into the big picture at last

HENRY AKINWANDE, the lanky 6ft 7in boxer from Dalwich, has finally caught up with Frank Bruno, Lennox Lewis and Herbie Hide, writes Jack Mossack.

Motor Racing

FISHER'S GRAND PRIX (Magy-Cor): D. Hill (GB) won the race.

Motor Sport

RAC TOURING CAR CHAMPIONSHIP (Brands Hatch): R. Bunting (GB) won the race.

England face rugby exile

England look increasingly isolated from the Five Nations Championship after yesterday's decision by the Welsh Rugby Union to reject a \$40.5 million deal from Sky TV.

Fixtures

Table showing fixtures for various sports, including soccer, rugby, and tennis.

Eagle flies round Wight

Stuart Childerley yesterday skipped Eagle for charterers Rob Elliott and Doug Flynn to win the Gold Roman Bowl, the principal trophy for the Wight Round the Island Isle of Wight Race.

Henley hard to predict

Seeding is problematical at this year's Henley with a record entry but few Olympic crews for the Royal Regatta, which starts on Wednesday.

DA has lead in Norman case

D. A. Welbriog is the new leader of the Greater Hartford Open in Connecticut, where the holder Greg Norman was disqualified for two of the last three holes but his third round of 70, level par, left hand.

Towers look east in Europe

The London Towers, England's basketball champions, have a difficult start to a demanding European Cup campaign at Verona, Italy, on September 18.

Late errors by Karpov

Russia's Anatoly Karpov spoilt a favourable ending in game 13 of the Fide world championship in Elista and his American challenger, Garry Kasparov, adjourned a pawn up after a tense six-hour battle.

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Large advertisement for Agrest and Harby, featuring a horse and rider and promotional text.

Zagreb gives Kinane the Derby blues

Chris Hawkins sees a stunning success by an Irish outsider

THE capacity of race-horses to surprise is boundless, as the 20-1 chance Zagreb proved with a cracking six-length victory over Polaris in yesterday's Budweiser Irish Derby at The Curragh.

From two furlongs out this was a one-horse race and such was Zagreb's dominance that the Epsom Derby runner-up, Dushyantor, was beaten over 12 lengths in fourth. The Vodafone Derby now looks a third division affair, and connections of his winner, Shaamit, must be relieved their colt injured a foot last week.



Six of the best... Zagreb romps home by six lengths in yesterday's Budweiser Irish Derby at The Curragh

coming a furlong out, I was obviously hearing things and couldn't believe how far in front I was when I looked round. "Zagreb went past me pulling a tractor not a cart," said Eddery. "Mine was never really going, just like Epsom. He's had work."

World's luckiest owner, of Cigar and Arazi fame, holds a 50 per cent share in Zagreb who ran in his distinctive red, white and blue colours. Earlier in the afternoon, the British tasted success with Daylight in Dubai, who stayed on well to win the PVV Golden Mile Handicap.

Hills hit by five day ban

Michael Hills hit by five day ban

MICHAEL Hills was in trouble with the Doncaster stewards yesterday and will miss the Newmarket July meeting after being given a five-day ban (July 9-13) for irresponsible riding.

Amey Jane, Hills's mount in the final race, was adjudged to have interfered with Rio Duvida, the eventual last of four on the way to victory. The filly was placed last with Jarrah promoted to first.

Hills has decided to partner Pentire in the Coral-Eclipse Stakes at Sandown on Saturday in preference to Shaamit, for whom trainer William Haggas has booked Pat Eddery. However, Shaamit's participation hinges on a gallop at Newmarket on Wednesday.

Gary Hind was taken to hospital with neck and head injuries after taking a crashing fall from Wenbridge Lad at Doncaster yesterday, although he is believed to be not seriously hurt.

Heliosio, who ruined his chance by pulling too hard in the French Derby, returned to winning form under Olivier Peslier in the Grand Prix de Saint-Cloud yesterday. He held the late challenge of Swain by a length.

Southwell all-weather card

Table with 2 columns: Race number and details including horse names, jockeys, and odds.

Musselburgh tonight

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Pontefract with form guide

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Windsor runners and riders tonight

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Results

Table listing race results with columns for race name, horse names, jockeys, and winning odds.

Doncaster

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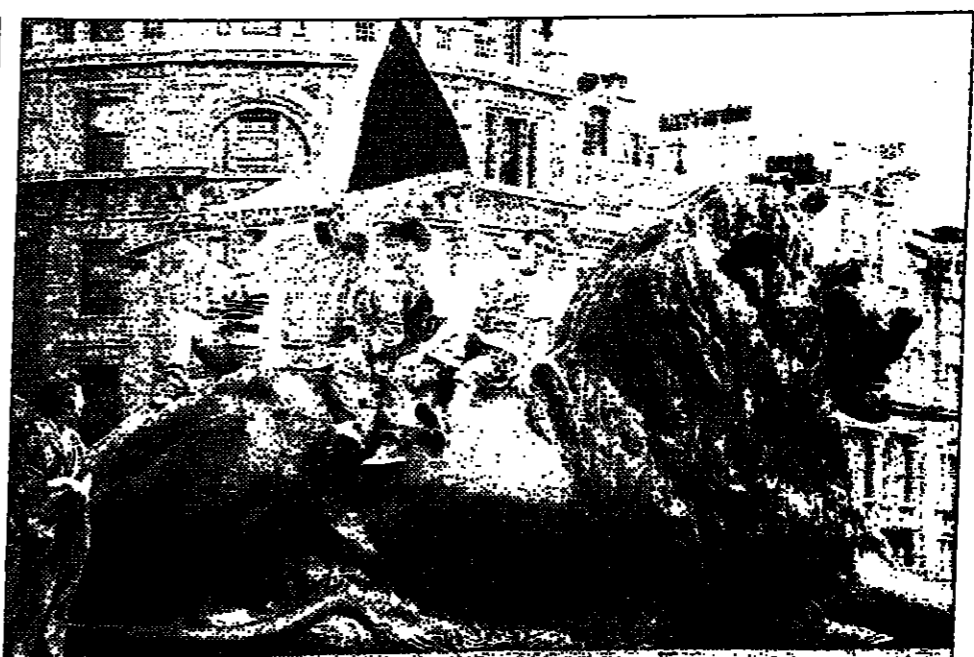
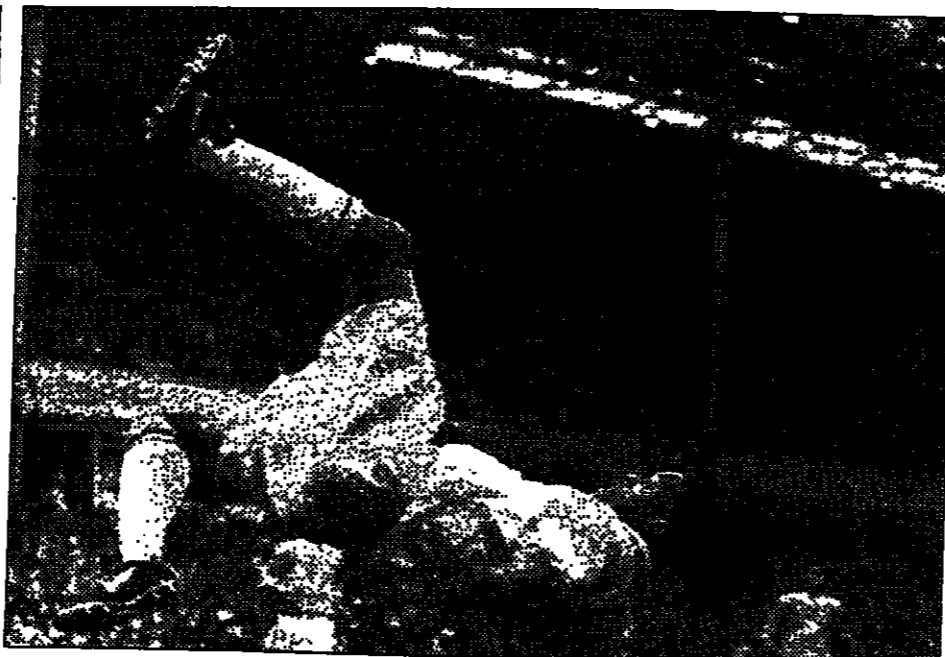
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Five pages of unrivalled coverage

Racing Shock winner in Irish Derby — Chris Hawkins reports

Wimbledon Stephen Bierley's weekend review and form guide to Tim Henman

The Guardian Sport



EURO IMAGES ... a terrible new departure for Maldini ... and likewise an early exit, with foot in mouth, for the flying Dutchman Davids ... while others stayed longer than expected, like yesterday's gleeful Czechs

Champions toast a double Bierhoff

David Lacey at Wembley

LONG-AWAITED touch of alchemy won the European Championship for Germany at Wembley last night when a goal from Oliver Bierhoff in sudden-death overtime ended a brave attempt by the Czech Republic to pull off one of the bigger upsets.

Once more a German substitution did the trick after Patrik Berger had given the Czechs the lead with a controversial penalty on the hour. Bierhoff came off the German bench in the 68th minute and brought the scores level five minutes later.

Then, after less than five minutes of extra-time, Bierhoff turned on a ball from Klinsmann and saw Kouba only half-stop his shot, which had enough momentum to carry it into the net.

So the Germans have won the European title for the first time since 1980. It is their first triumph since reunification and Bertie Vogts's first success as Germany's coach.

Among neutrals the Germans were not popular; successful football teams seldom are. But they had not helped their cause by consistently griping about the tournament rules, and Uefa's decision to allow Vogts to reinforce his depleted squad had stuck in many a craw.

Ironically Todd, the defensive midfielder called up by the Germans, did not even make the bench last night. With Klinsmann and Häßler on the field at the start, Vogts clearly did not want to appear to be having his *strut* and eating it.

In fact, with Hassler filling the suspended Moller's role on the left of midfield and Strunz on the right of the defence replacing Reuter, the other player to receive a second yellow card in the match with England, Germany were much their usual selves. And a series of early corners reminded the Czech Republic of what they were up against.

In spite of being forced back in defence almost immediately, however, the Czechs created the two clearest early openings. After two minutes a slick piece of passing ended with Nemeč finding Berger through a gap in the German defence, only for the latter's touch to let him down.

After 13 minutes Kuka dragged the ball inside Babel on the left wing before finding Poborsky unmarked with a prodigious centre to the far post. Poborsky usually scores from this sort of opportunity but now he volleyed over.

Misses like this can be costly. The Czechs were worrying the German midfield with the neatness and imagination of their passing but Babel's forward run to link up with Ziege offered a reminder of how effective Germany could be when their defenders came out.

Paradoxically Sammer's first serious advance led to a misunderstanding with Hassler which prompted a Czech counter-attack and an exchange of passes between Nedved and Kuka that looked promising until Elits brought

the latter down. Then 11 minutes before half-time the Germans briefly found themselves facing a gaping net without taking the lead. A shot from Sammer flew up off Klinsmann and dropped to Kuntz, whose volley beat Kouba and looked certain to bring a goal until Rada flung himself back to hook the ball clear.

Both goalkeepers took credit for keeping the first half scoreless. In the 41st minute Kuntz cleared but outside as he ran on to Ziege's through-pass, had only Kouba to beat but the Czech bravely blocked his shot. A minute later Kuka dispossessed Elits on the left to set himself up with a similar chance but now Kopke repeated Kouba's save.

Elits's final had another two minutes to run. On the stroke of half-time he missed a tackle on Nemeč, fell awkwardly and was carried off, not to return. Bode replaced him for the second half.

Chance for chance the Czechs were still Germany's equals. Nine minutes into the second half clever play by Hornak on the right instigated a cross-field passing movement with Nedved and Kuka which found Berger coming through on the left for a shot that took a deflection but was still saved by Kopke.

Another four minutes and the Czechs were ahead. Kuka won an important header and was laid out as he did so.

GERMANY: Kopke; Sammer; Strunz; Heimer; Babel; Ziege; Elits; Scholl; Häßler; Klinsmann; Kuntz. CZECH REPUBLIC: Kouba; Kadlec; Hornak; Babi; Rada; Suchanec; Nedved; Berger; Nemeč; Poborsky; Kuka. Referee: P. Pairetto (Italy).



Hanging in the air ... Klinsmann gets up to win a header despite the attentions of Nemeč, left, and Hornak

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The moment Klinsmann needed a Kleenex

Martin Thorpe pays tribute to the player who inspired Germany

AS Jürgen Klinsmann limped off early in last Sunday's quarter-final against Croatia he was close to tears. Last night, as the final whistle went to proclaim Germany as European champions, he allowed those tears to flow. Move over Paul Gascoigne.

lost his only world-class striker but a leader on and off the field, a cajoler, the font of much of the team's spirit. England thought their luck really was in from that moment. Vogts tried to play the propaganda game, testing out the possibility that Klinsmann could be back in time for a meeting with the hosts, but the man himself was not playing.

marking understudy Suchoparek than the Czech goal. But that did not matter in the end. He has played at Wembley before, as a substitute against England in 1991. Last night, though, was the Wembley final victory that he had missed out on in his brief stay at White Hart Lane. Despite what Alan Sugar might say, this triumph belonged to a polite, friendly, intelligent man. And he can play a bit, too.

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Crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-28

Discipline Frodo, Silliest Devils, Outstanding, etc. clues for crossword

- Across: 1 Drink with a man on the board (7), 5 Forever at the throat of a fellow in office (7), 9 Flap when grabbed by a foreigner such as 1c (7), 10 An acquaintance to hoodwink with some finesse (7), 11 Points put to learned characters in the Lake District (9), 12 Sound fish to rear (5), 13 Wins a new admirer (5), 15 The broadcasting of news must be bang on time (9), 17 Patiently awaited conclusion (9), 19 Article about car-manufacture in Ghana (5), 22 A measure that's satisfied army men (5), 23 He's regarded as a villain for cutting the discount (9)

- Down: 1 Discourage the production of French publications (7), 2 A girl about ten, one feels (7), 3 Person scoffing large turn-over with little hesitation (5), 4 Consultation could lead to an exchange of words (9), 5 Hospital in pleasant, suitable situation (5), 6 A large number in time look to raise such a plant (9), 7 18 upset the old queen (7), 8 Downright irrational (7)

Uefa plans use of two referees

AS IF a football pitch did not seem a congested enough place already, Uefa is considering a plan to introduce a second referee. Lennart Johansson, the president of Uefa, admitted at the weekend that match officials had made errors at Euro 96, most notably Romania's goal-that-never-was against Bulgaria.

made an offer for the 24-year-old, nicknamed the "Express Train". "We have had interest from several clubs in Italy and England but Liverpool are the only ones to make a firm bid," said Cipro.

Wimbledon are ready to break their transfer record to take Steve Lomas from Manchester City. The two clubs spent the weekend negotiating a deal which may well be worth more than £1.5 million.

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